

Claims

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A test kit for aid in identifying an environmental sample comprising:
a test tape having a surface with a releasable adhesive on one side thereof;
a window integral with said test tape comprising a material for viewing therethrough,
said window adapted to collect an at least one environmental sample upon
pressing said adhesive surface of said window against the sample;
a slide for affixation of said test tape with sample thereon, said affixation trapping said
at least one environmental sample between said slide and said tape and within
said window, said slide adapted for combination with a microscope, whereupon a
view of said window through said microscope enlarges said at least one sample
trapped within said window for analysis thereof.
2. The kit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a placard having means
for releasable storage of said slide thereon.
3. The kit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said window presents a grid
therein, said grid defining a plurality of zones within said window for location of said at least
one trapped sample within one of said zones.
4. The kit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said test tape further comprises a
tab at one end thereof, said tab enhancing a user manipulation of said test tape.
5. The kit as claimed in claim 4 wherein said adhesive is displaced from
said tab to further enhance said manipulation.

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6. The kit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising means on said test tape for affixing information indicative of said at least one environmental sample thereon.

7. The kit as claimed in claim 2 further comprising means on said placard for affixing information indicative of said at least one environmental specimen thereon.

8. The kit as claimed in claim 1 wherein said slide is configured for affixation of a plurality of said test tapes thereon.

9. The kit as claimed in claim 2 wherein said placard is adapted for transport for subsequent combination of said slide thereon.

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10. A method for collecting an environmental sample on a surface for subsequent analysis comprising the steps of:

providing a tape having a circumscribed window thereon, said window having a sticky adhesive on one side thereof;

circumscribing said window about an environmental sample on a surface;

pressing at least said window against the surface for adhesion of the environmental sample thereto;

displacing said window from said surface with the sample affixed to said window;

releasably attaching said test tape to a see through slide;

transporting said slide to a microscope;

preparing said slide for a microscopic analysis;

directing said microscope to said window; and

viewing the specimen within said window through said microscope for analysis.

11. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein a plurality of test tapes are provided for repeated samples, said test tapes attached to said slide.

12. The method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising the steps of recording on said test tape information indicative of the environmental sample.

13. The method as claimed in claim 12 wherein said information includes a location of the environmental sample.

14. The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the information includes a type of surface on which the environmental sample was found.

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15. The method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising the steps of providing a grid in said window, said grid presenting a plurality of zones for location of the specimen within said window.

16. The method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising the step of releasably attaching said slide to a placard prior to said transporting strip.

17. The method as claimed in claim 16 further comprising the step of recording on said placard information indicative of the environmental sample.

18. The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said information includes a location of the environmental sample.

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19. A kit for collecting an environmental sample from a selected surface comprising:

- at least one tape having a surface with a releasable adhesive thereon;
- a window incorporated in said tape, said window presenting a perimeter for circumscribing an environmental sample upon pressing said window against the sample;
- means on said window for affixing the sample thereto upon said pressing;
- a slide adapted for affixation of said test tape with sample thereon, said window defining a viewing zone for the environmental sample positioned between said slide and said tape;
- a placard for releasable affixation of said slide thereto;
- means on said placard for a proper alignment of said test tape on said slide, a release of said slide from said placard presenting a slide for subsequent viewing through a microscope.

20. The kit as claimed in claim 19 wherein said placard is adapted for transport to a displaced location for said microscopic viewing.

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